

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 22 and 41 to read as follows:

62 22. (Fourth Amendment) A method for treating a patient for insulin resistance to decrease the insulin resistance, said patient having Metabolic Syndrome comprising Primary Insulin Resistance and abdominal/visceral obesity, wherein said method comprises administering to said patient growth hormone or a functional derivative thereof in an amount effective for decreasing insulin resistance of said patient.

63 41. (Twice Amendment) A method according to claim ¹22, wherein said method comprises administering recombinant human growth hormone at about 9.5 µg/kg daily.